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In re the application of: Garver et al	Examiner: Nguyen, Quang
Serial No.: 09/359,593	Group Art Unit: 1636
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For: <i>Controlled Release of Bioactive Substances</i>	

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This submission responds to the final Office Action, mailed May 18, 2004 in the above-identified application. Herein Applicants proffer their remarks and amendments in response to the issues raised in the Office Action, and respectfully request reconsideration. A Notice of Appeal is filed concurrently. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies incurred as a result of this submission to Deposit Account Number 06-1448, Reference JHV-009.01.